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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## **Texas Coastal Expo returns to Moody Gardens**

GLO's celebration of the Texas coast packed with hands-on activities for all

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AUSTIN — Celebrate World Oceans Day when the Texas Coastal Expo returns to Galveston's Moody Gardens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9. This free and family-friendly celebration of the Texas Coast - brought to you by the Texas General Land Office - is the biggest coastal expo in Texas.

"Bring the kids, we'll have touch tanks full of live sea creatures, a giant sandcastle, a surf simulator and even a free bay tour available on Texas A&M's educational cruiser, the Earl Milan," said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office. "The Texas Coastal Expo is an action-packed day that's fun for all."

Patterson said the idea behind Texas Coastal Expo is nothing less than improving how Texans understand and care for their coast. "The more Texans know about the coast, the more they'll help to protect it," he said.

The Texas Coastal Expo will feature exhibits that explain and demonstrate coastal conservation efforts and wind power. There will also be treasure hunts and lots of free goodies and giveaways.

Texas Coastal Expo is sponsored by America's Wetland Foundation, Crowder Gulf and the Shaw Group as well as Sullivan Land Services, the Port Authority of Houston, the Coastal Conservation Association Texas, the Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Apollo Environmental and Coast and Harbor Engineering.

For more information on Texas Coastal Expo, go to <a href="https://www.texascoastalexpo.org">www.texascoastalexpo.org</a> or find Texas Coastal Expo on Facebook.

WHO: Everyone is invited for this free day of family fun

WHAT: Texas Coastal Expo

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9

WHERE: Moody Gardens Oleander Bowl, 1 Hope Blvd., Galveston 77554

WHY: To share the wonders of the Texas coast

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